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IN RE THE APPLICATION OF

Keith Caves et al.

SERIAL NO.: 09/505,474

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FOR: Elimination of Premature Blocking In  
Communications Networks

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT OF April 30, 2003**

Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement of April 30, 2003, the applicants elect Group I,  
consisting of Claims 1 – 13 and 19. The claims of Group II will be pursued, if at all, in a  
divisional application.

Examination of the elected claims is therefore awaited.

May 27, 2003

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